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Mr. Jack Wardlaw
The States-Item
New Orleans, La.

Dear Mr. Wardlaw,

I have just begun the first of your series of articles on the assassination. It seems you have not read WHITEWASH, mine and the first book on the subject, for you say none of the critics "led by author Mark Lane" have said Oswald is innocent.

WHITEWASH was completed in mid-February 1965. It was published in a limited edition that August and went into general distribution in early May of 1966. That December it was reprinted by Dell, which has just reprinted my second book, WHITEWASH II: THE FBI-SECRET SERVICE COVERUP.

If you will look at page 138 of the original edition or page 300 of the Dell edition of WHITEWASH, you will find what today sounds familiar.

I say the Commission had irrefutable proof of a conspiracy, that it had highly credible evidence that Oswald was part of it, that the Commission's own proof that Oswald killed nobody "is completely unassailable", and that, based on what I then knew, Oswald was a "pidgeon". Elsewhere I use thexphrase "patsy".

So first of all, there is the question of who led who and where. It seems to mex that February 1965 is pretty "first", and that August 1965 or May 1966 all still qualify.

As a matter of fact, my as-yet unpublished book CIA WHITEWASH: OSWALD IN NEW ORLEANS, about 180,000 long plus a book-length appendix, carries this much further. It was completed in early April.

Please tell Ross and Hoke that I've finished the manuscript of PHOTOGRAPHIC WHITEWASH: SUPPRESSED KENNEDY ASSASSINATION PICTURES.

I'm looking forward to the rest of your series and to having the time to read them all at once. Good luck with it. If you do not have my books, send me a label and I'll mail them to you.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg